

REMARKS

Claims 10-16 and 18-20 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Nishikawa in view of Sato, Polinski and Lin. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In addition to the arguments provided with the amendment filed February 25, 2004, which arguments Applicant hereby maintain, claim 10 (as amended) requires that the body is a substance for a high-frequency module. Significantly, none of the applied references disclose high frequency applications in which high quality electric strip conductors are provided. In this case, "high quality" is achieved by using highly electrically conductive material such as a metal foil and not paste (as described in the previously filed amendment, the references disclose paste). Since sintering temperatures are below the melting point of silver, the invention allows use of metal fluids made of, for example, silver. Lateral shrinkage (xy shrinkage) is therefore suppressed.

Entry of this amendment after-final is appropriate since it incorporates claim 20, now canceled, into claim 10, which was previously examined on the merits.

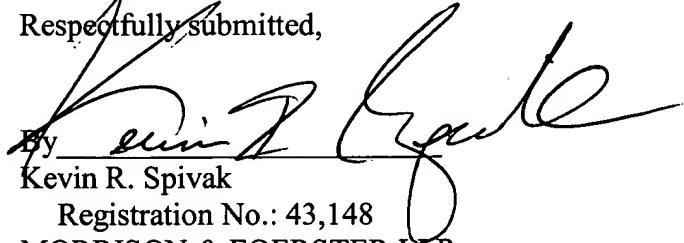
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122019100.

However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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